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FOR USIA DIRECTOR REINHARDT FROM AMBASSADOR EAGLEBURGER

E.O. 11652: N/A
SUBJECT: OPENING OF US INFORMATION CENTER IN TITOGRAĐ

REF: EAGLEBURGER-REINHARDT O/I OCTOBER 31, 1977;
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1. MILATOVIC, PRESIDENT OF MONTENEGRO AND MY HOST IN OCTOBER, HAS NOW INFORMED ME THAT THE MONTENEGRINS ARE EXAMINING MY IDEA OF OPENING A USIC IN TITOGRAĐ "WITH SPECIAL ATTENTION." MILATOVIC ALSO BROUGHT UP IDEA OF OPENING A U.S. CONSULATE, BUT MY OWN PERSONAL FEELING IS THAT THEY WOULD SETTLE FOR A USIC AND THAT THIS WOULD BE MORE IN OUR INTEREST.

2. DCM WORTZEL WILL HEAD A TEAM OF EMBASSY OFFICERS, INCLUDING USIS, TO VISIT TITOGRAĐ IN MID-DECEMBER, AT THE MONTENEGRINS' INVITATION, TO DISCUSS FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF US-MONTENEGRIN ECONOMIC AND CULTURAL RELATIONS.

3. BEFORE WE ENTER THOSE DISCUSSIONS, COULD I HAVE YOUR OPINION ABOUT WHETHER A MODEST USIC IN MONTENEGRO
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COULD FEASIBLY BE IN THE CARDS? IN ADDITION TO THE REASONS IN FAVOR OF A CENTER THAT I GAVE IN MY O/I TO YOU, IT IS SIGNIFICANT, IN VIEW OF THEIR HISTORICAL PENCHANT FOR THE RUSSIANS, THAT THE MONTE-NEGRINS ARE NOW APPARENTLY WARMING TOWARD US. WITHOUT ATTACHING MORE SIGNIFICANCE TO THE PRESENCE OF A USIC THERE THAN WE SHOULD, THE VERY FACT

THAT WE COULD BE THERE AS THE ONLY FOREIGN REPRESENTATION
HAS CONSIDERABLE MEANING.

4. YOU MAY WANT TO REVIEW REFTELS AS BACKGROUND TO
MY THINKING ABOUT THE DESIRABILITY OF NEW INITIATIVES
IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF OUR BI-LATERAL RELATIONS.
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